

Town of Buena Vista

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Buena Vista Monthly Connection

March 2016

Broadband

This year the Town of Buena Vista is working on broadband initiatives that could improve how the community connects. What is broadband? It is a high-capacity transmission technique using a wide range of frequencies, which enables a large number of messages to be communicated simultaneously. The Town of Buena Vista would like to have the support of the community this April with our broadband initiatives.

Some of the benefits of broadband service:

- **Intensified Innovation** by our local businesses and entrepreneurs who are already recognized for spurring new start-ups, new ideas and new technologies will find ways to maximize the benefit of an ultra-fast internet in ways we can't imagine today.
- **A Connected Community** where we can define new avenues for citizen engagement in local decision making, explore new frontiers for e-governance, and develop new opportunities for wired social spaces where home- and neighborhood-based entrepreneurs can meet, collaborate and evolve new forms of place-based creative networking.
- **Creative Collaboration** in new forms—between scientists and citizens, between schools and government, between neighborhoods and nonprofits—as old boundaries are blurred through a new era of connectedness.
- **Enhanced Efficiency** and related gains in quality of life, as Buena Vista residents and businesses are able to do more, more quickly, with less frustration, leaving more time for enjoying the great Upper Arkansas Valley.
- **Inclusive Internet** as we work with local partners like Colorado Mountain College, BVSD, Emergency Service providers, and governmental agencies



Upcoming events

March 17

St. Patrick's Day



March 20

First Day of Spring



Board of Trustee meetings (7pm):

March 8

March 22

to ensure that everyone in the community is wired, connected and empowered to participate, innovate and succeed, eliminating the digital divide.

- **Cuts in Carbon Emissions** as employees are empowered by ultra-high speed connections to more effectively work from home and local businesses are better able to support far-flung clients without having to use air travel.
- **A Learning Laboratory** that can demonstrate the real promise of ultra-high speed fiber, not just as an entertainment medium and economic development tool, but as a significant opportunity to build, test and advance the 21st century infrastructure needed to achieve the “triple bottom line” of sustainability.

Buena Vista Fire Department Fire Safety Classes



In 2015 Buena Vista Fire Department assisted Alpine Lumber with fire safety training exercises and a fire extinguisher class. Alpine Lumber employees had the opportunity to use fire extinguishers on a live fire and learn safety and correct usage of fire extinguishers.

The Buena Vista Fire Department is committed to providing fire safety and education classes to businesses and organizations throughout the community.

If you are interested in setting up a fire safety class with Buena Vista Fire Department please contact Phillip Rodriguez at 719.395.8098.



April 5, 2016 election

This will be a Mail Ballot Election. All active registered electors will have a ballot sent to the address on file with the Colorado Secretary of State's Office between March 14 and March 21, 2016. If you need to check the status of your voter registration information or update your address visit:

[GoVoteColorado](http://GoVoteColorado.com)

A sample ballot is available on the Town's website:

<http://www.buenavistaco.gov/2390/2016-Sample-Ballot>

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

If you need an Absentee Ballot, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 719-395-8643 x10 or stop by Town Hall at 210 East Main Street for an application.

HOW TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT

Once Ballots are mailed, you may return your voted ballot by either mailing it back or dropping it off in person at Town Hall. The Town Clerk's Office must receive your voted ballot by 7:00 PM on April 5, 2016 Election Day for your vote to be counted. **Postmarks do not count.**

If you do choose to mail your ballot through the US Postal Service (USPS), please affix adequate postage to the return envelope. Also, the USPS needs time to process and deliver your voted ballot. **Therefore, the Clerk's Office recommends you personally deliver your voted ballot to Town Hall.**

QUESTIONS?

Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 719-395-8643 x10 or stop by Town Hall.